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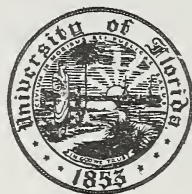
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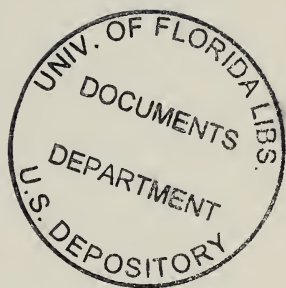
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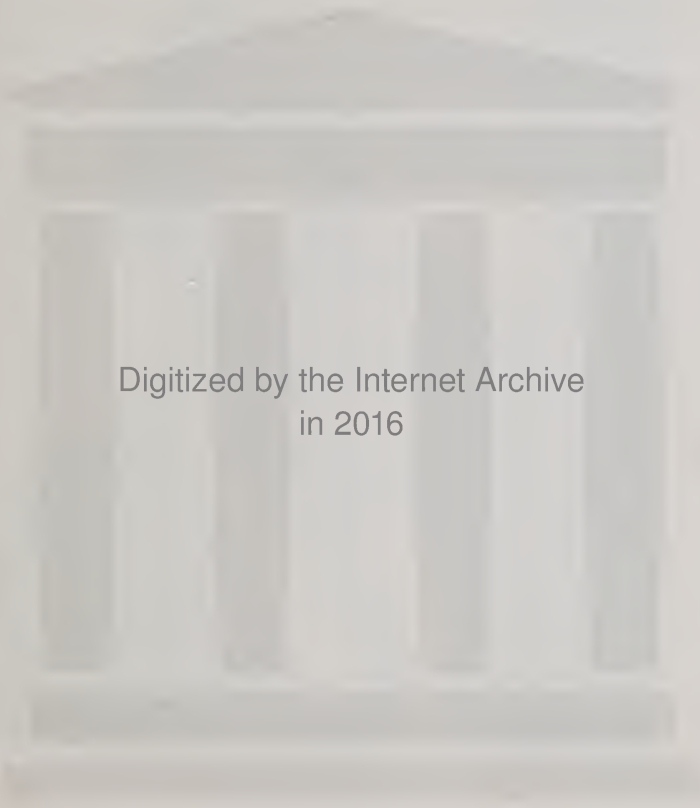


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Biography

WILLIAM GRADY STIGLER was born in Stigler, Haskell County, Indian Territory (now Oklahoma), July 7, 1891; attended the public schools; was graduated from Northeastern State College, Tahlequah, Okla., in 1912; attended the law school of the University of Oklahoma at Norman; during the First World War served as a second lieutenant in the Three Hundred and Fifty-seventh Infantry of the Ninetieth Division in 1918 and 1919, with overseas service in the St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne engagements and with the Army of Occupation; attended the University of Grenoble, France, in 1919; was admitted to the Oklahoma bar in 1920 and commenced practice in Stigler, Okla.; city attorney of Stigler, Okla., 1920-24; served in the State senate 1924-32, serving as president pro tempore in 1931; lieutenant colonel in the Forty-fifth Division of the Oklahoma National Guard 1925-38; elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-eighth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Jack Nichols; reelected to the Seventy-ninth and to the three succeeding Congresses and served from March 28, 1944, until his death August 21, 1952, at his home in Stigler, Okla.; interment in Stigler Cemetery, Stigler, Okla.

In the House of Representatives

THURSDAY, April 2, 1953.

Mr. COLE of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 199) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That on Wednesday, May 6, 1953, immediately after the approval of the Journal, the House shall stand in recess for the purpose of holding memorial services as arranged by the Committee on House Administration under the provision of clause 9 (n) (1) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives. The order of exercises and proceedings of the service shall be printed in the Congressional Record, and all Members shall have leave for 30 legislative days to extend their remarks in the Congressional Record on the life, character, and public service of the deceased Members. At the conclusion of the proceedings, the Speaker shall call the House to order and then as a further mark of respect to the memories of the deceased he shall declare the House adjourned.

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The resolution was agreed to.

Memorial Services
in the
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Memorial Service Program

Prelude, sacred selections (11:30 to 12)--United States Army Band

Presiding officer-----The Speaker, Hon. Joseph W. Martin, Jr.

Invocation-----The Chaplain, Rev. Bernard Braskamp, D. D.

Quartet, Have Thine Own Way, Lord (Stebbins)

Hon. J. Frank Wilson, Hon. Prince Preston, Hon. Oren Harris,
and Hon. J. Percy Priest.

At the piano-----Hon. Frances P. Bolton
Representative from the State of Ohio

Scripture reading and prayer-----The Chaplain

Roll of the deceased Members

The Clerk of the House of Representatives

Rose ritual-----Hon. Marguerite Stitt Church
Representative from the State of Illinois

Devotional silence.

Address-----Hon. Robert J. Corbett
Representative from the State of Pennsylvania

Quartet, Rock of Ages (Hastings)-----Congressional Quartet

Address-----Hon. Carl Albert
Representative from the State of Oklahoma

Taps-----Sgt. George Myers

Echo-----Sgt. Victor Christensen

Benediction-----The Chaplain

William Grady Stigler



Memorial Services

WEDNESDAY, *May 6, 1953.*

The **SPEAKER** of the House of Representatives (Mr. Martin) presided.

Invocation by the Chaplain, Rev. Bernard Braskamp, D. D.:

Most merciful and gracious God, who art the light of all that is true, the strength of all that is good, and the glory of all that is beautiful, we are again approaching Thy throne of grace through the old and familiar way of prayer which is always open to those who come with a humble spirit and a contrite heart.

Grant that in this hour of solemn and sacred memory we may enter into a blessed and intimate communion with Thy divine spirit and with the spirit of our beloved upon whom Thou hast bestowed Thy glorious benediction and the diadem of Thy praise, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

In Christ's name we bring our petitions. Amen.

Hon. J. Frank Wilson, Hon. Prince Preston, Hon. Oren Harris, and Hon. J. Percy Priest sang *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*, by Stebbins.

Hon. Francis P. Bolton, a Representative from the State of Ohio, accompanied at the piano.

The **CHAPLAIN**. The Old Testament Scripture readings are selections from the 90th and the 103d Psalms:

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*Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever Thou
hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting
to everlasting, Thou art God.*

*So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our
hearts unto wisdom.*

*Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth
them that fear Him.*

*For He knoweth our frame: He remembereth that we are
dust.*

*As for man, his days are as grass; as a flower of the field,
so he flourisheth.*

*For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place
thereof shall know it no more.*

*But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting
upon them that fear Him, and His righteousness unto chil-
dren's children.*

*To such as keep His covenant, and to those that remember
His commandments to do them.*

The New Testament readings are taken from the 14th
chapter of the Gospel according to St. John:

*Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe
also in me.*

*In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so,
I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.*

*And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again,
and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may
be also.*

*Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the
world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled,
neither let it be afraid.*

May God add His blessing to these readings from His Holy
Word.

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The following poem entitled "The Other Room," written by Robert Freeman, is a beautiful commentary on the gracious words which came from the lips of our blessed Lord:

"No, not cold beneath the grasses,
Not close-walled within the tomb;
Rather, in my Father's mansion,
Living in another room.

"Living, like the one who loves me,
Like yon child with cheeks abloom,
Out of sight, at desk or schoolbook,
Busy in another room.

"Nearer than the youth whom fortune
Beckons where the strange lands loom;
Just behind the hanging curtain,
Serving in another room.

"Shall I doubt my Father's mercy?
Shall I think of death as doom,
Or the stepping o'er the threshold
To a bigger, brighter room?

"Shall I blame my Father's wisdom?
Shall I sit enswathed in gloom,
When I know my beloved are happy,
Waiting in the other room?"

Let us have a moment of silent prayer.

O Thou infinite and eternal God, in whose divine keeping and control are the coming in and the going out of all our days and years, in the life of each of us there are times and experiences when our feelings seem to impose silence.

Humbly and reverently we are calling upon Thy great and holy name, encouraged and constrained by every gracious invitation and promise in Thy word through which Thou hast spoken unto us.

Thou alone art the author and disposer of human life and from Thee our spirits have come and unto Thee they

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return. We beseech Thee that unto all Thy righteous dealings we may yield ourselves with due resignation and patience for Thou art too wise to err and too kind to injure.

We pray that this may not be for us an hour of sadness and gloom but of thanksgiving and rejoicing as we call to mind the life and character of Thy servants unto whom Thou hast opened the gates to the larger life and received into Thy nearer presence.

We thank Thee for the high and holy privilege which we have enjoyed of walking and working with them for a little while upon this earth. We have not said farewell unto them but only goodnight. Assured that on some bright and blessed morn we shall meet again and dwell together in hallowed union in that fairer land whose language is music and where there is fullness of joy and peace.

Grant unto the members of their families the consolation of Thy grace and some special token of Thy covenant love.

Show us, as we continue our earthly pilgrimage, how we may carry on in faith and in the fear of the Lord and at the eventide of life, when Thou dost call us to Thyself, may we be worthy of receiving the blessings which Thou hast prepared for the faithful.

Hear us in the name of our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

ROLL OF DECEASED MEMBERS

Mr. Lyle O. Snader, Clerk of the House of Representatives, read the following roll:

BRIEN McMAHON, a Senator from the State of Connecticut: Born October 6, 1903; attended public schools, graduated from Fordham University, New York, and from the law school of Yale University, New Haven; admitted to the bar and practiced law in Norwalk; city judge in Norwalk in 1933; resigned to become special assistant to the Attorney General of the United States, 1933-35; Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Criminal Division, Department of Justice, 1935-39; elected to the United States Senate in 1944; reelected 1950; died July 28, 1952.

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WILLIAM GRADY STIGLER, a Representative from the Second Congressional District of the State of Oklahoma: Born July 7, 1891; attended public schools, graduated from Northeastern State College, Tahlequah, and attended law school at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, and the University of Grenoble in France; First World War Infantry lieutenant at St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne engagements and with Army of Occupation; admitted to bar, 1920, and practiced law in Stigler; city attorney of Stigler, 1920-24; State senator, 1924-32, serving as president pro tempore in 1931; lieutenant colonel, Oklahoma National Guard; Member of the 78th Congress and the four succeeding Congresses; died August 21, 1952.

ADOLPH JOACHIM SABATH, a Representative from the Seventh Congressional District of the State of Illinois: Born April 4, 1866; attended schools of Zabori, Czechoslovakia, and after immigrating to the United States in 1881, graduated from the Chicago College of Law; admitted to the bar and practiced law in Chicago; ward committeeman and district leader in Chicago, 1892-1944; justice of the peace, 1895; police magistrate, 1897-1906; delegate to all the Democratic State conventions since 1890; delegate to all the Democratic National Conventions, 1896-1944; Member of the 60th Congress and the 23 succeeding Congresses; died November 6, 1952.

EDWARD EUGENE COX, a Representative from the Second Congressional District of the State of Georgia: Born April 3, 1880; attended public schools, the academic department of Mercer University, Macon, and graduated from the law department of Mercer University; admitted to the bar and practiced law in Camilla; mayor of Camilla, 1904-06; delegate to the Democratic National Convention, 1908; judge of the superior court of the Albany circuit, 1912-16; Member of the 69th Congress and the 14 succeeding Congresses; died December 24, 1952.

JOSEPH RALEIGH BRYSON, a Representative from the Fourth Congressional District of the State of South Carolina: Born January 18, 1893; attended public schools and was graduated from Furman University, Greenville, S. C., and from the law department of the University of South Carolina; enlisted in First World War, September 28, 1915, and reenlisted August 3, 1917, and was discharged as a second lieutenant of infantry; admitted to the bar in 1920 and practiced law in Greenville; member South Carolina House of Representatives, 1921-24; member of State senate, 1929-32; elected to the 76th Congress and the seven succeeding Congresses; died March 10, 1953.

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GARRETT LEE WITHERS, a Representative from the Second Congressional District of the State of Kentucky: Born June 21, 1884; admitted to the bar in 1908; served as clerk of Webster County Circuit Court, 1910-12; master commissioner of same court, 1913-17; served on Kentucky Highway Commission, 1932-36; referee in bankruptcy, 1941-45; commissioner, Kentucky department of highways, 1947-49; appointed to the United States Senate January 20, 1949; elected to Kentucky State Legislature, 1951; elected to the 82d Congress, August 2, 1952; reelected to the 83d Congress; died April 30, 1953.

Hon. MARGUERITE STITT CHURCH, a Representative from the State of Illinois, standing in front of the Speaker's rostrum and assisted by Page Daniel B. Havens, placed a memorial rose in a vase as the name of each deceased Member was read by the Clerk.

There followed a period of devotional silence, during which the Members stood.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. Corbett].

Hon. ROBERT J. CORBETT, a Representative from the State of Pennsylvania, delivered the following address:

Mr. Speaker, we have gathered here to pay homage to those Members of Congress who died during the year. Without exception these men were best citizens in their own communities. They were loved and respected wherever they were known. Proper religious devotions have been held for them, and proper eulogies have been pronounced by their close friends here in Congress. I could add nothing to the splendid tributes paid to them. I cannot minister in a religious spirit to their loved ones. No one can add to their stature or the respect in which they were held by all of us. But speaking as a contemporary historian, I can spread here on the record one salient thought, one final accolade that they so justly merited and that a grateful Nation should well remember.

Mr. Speaker, it is good that we should set aside 1 day each year to memorialize our departed colleagues. These were not ordinary men who worked and lived with us. They

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were truly men of distinction. The very fact of their membership in the Congress of the United States so stamped them for all time.

The honor of being a Member of the Congress is an honor that cannot be taken away by defeat or death. And it is a distinction that comes to relatively few men and women. Out of all the hundreds of millions of people who have lived in this great land only approximately 10,000 persons have had the privilege of serving in the Halls of Congress.

Membership in the Congress of the United States is seldom easy to achieve or maintain. It should be constantly re-emphasized that no citizen can take the oath of office as a Representative in Congress unless he has been selected and elected by the people of his home district—by his friends and his neighbors—those who know him best. Likewise, except when appointed to fill an unexpired term, no one can serve in the Senate of the United States unless the people of his own State have voted him that high office. That fact makes the Congress definitely the part of the Government which is uniquely the people's own.

It is that part of the Government to which they can most readily appeal for the redress of wrongs, for changes of policy, for information, for assistance, and for protection. And the Congress is that part of the Government which can most easily be changed when it becomes unresponsive to the will of the people.

The fact that membership in Congress is almost exclusively reserved for those who have been elected obviously makes such membership an honor and distinction that much more to be cherished. Equally obvious, the fact of elected membership makes our Government so distinctly a representative republic—a Government of and by the people. And just so long as our Congress retains its full power in the affairs of state our Government will continue to be a Government for the people—providing and preserving the maximum of freedom for everyone.

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The Congress of the United States is often held up for ridicule and harsh criticism by the thoughtless, the frustrated, the indolent, the vicious. Confidence in it is also deliberately diluted by those who know that they cannot destroy free government in the United States until they first destroy public faith in the Congress.

Criticism and ridicule of individual Members of Congress is part of the American political scheme of things. The Member generally takes this in his stride with a shrug or a smile. But when the criticism tends to destroy faith in the institution that is Congress then a menace appears that cannot be regarded lightly. I will tell you why.

In all of our sprawling executive with its approximately 2,500,000 civil employees, only 2, the President and the Vice President, hold their offices by the will of the people. All the rest owe their responsibility to the appointive power of someone superior. It is likewise true that the other great check in our check-and-balance system, the Supreme Court, is an appointed body far removed from popular control. All of this may be good and proper, but it results in a very serious and constant danger.

Should the Congress of the United States, because of the carelessness of the cartoonists, the indolence of the editorial writer, or the commentator, who has no other easy target for the day, the denunciation of the frustrated pressure-group leader, the profanity of the defeated, or the subversive activity of the totalitarian—should the Congress, because of all these things, be destroyed in the confidence of the people and thus become powerless as a check on the Executive, then free government, as we know it, ends in America.

Thus it has been in every country in the history of civilization where government of the people has given way to dictatorship. The Republic of Rome became the dictatorship of the Caesars when the senate had become an object of scorn and derision. Napoleon reduced the legislative bodies in France to a sounding board of his wishes before he be-

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came Emperor. Mussolini became the sovereign power of Italy by supplanting the Chamber of Deputies with the powerless Chamber of Corporations. Hitler became the dictator of Germany by reducing the members of the Reichstag to a chorus of "yas." Throughout history, where and when the power of, and the confidence in the people's representatives could be ended, dictatorships resulted.

Hence, it is true that so long, and just so long, as the Congress of the United States retains the confidence of the people and asserts and preserves its proper place in our governmental scheme of things, that long democracy will flourish in our Nation. Likewise, so long as our republican democracy is maintained, so long will those throughout the world who pray for personal and political freedom have a beacon to inspire them.

Consequently, those who serve, or who have served, in the Congress of the United States have not only been honored through election by their constituents, they have also been honored by being a part—a vital part—of the greatest institution in the world, working for the preservation of a free way of life in America and everywhere.

These departed Members who have passed on during this year and all of those former Members they have joined in God's somewhere were part of the great tradition that first sent men and women to these shores in search of liberty, part of the great tradition that has carried us forward from Lexington and Concord through many trying times and finds us now in a position of world leadership, resisting dictatorship and tyranny on the bloody ridges of Korea and building defenses, political, economic, and military, against aggression and slavery everywhere in the world. There has been and cannot be any finer tradition in all history.

It is for us today as we formally and sorrowfully say farewell to our departed colleagues to remember them as men who in their humbleness and sincerity and vigor worked for the best interests of their people and their country; men

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whom differences of opinion, criticism, praise, or political gain never made them forget that they, as Congressmen, were servants of the people, devoted to the preservation of human liberty and happiness. They are gone, and someday, even as you and I, they may be forgotten as individuals; but if we, the living, and those who are to follow after, will devote ourselves as they did to maintaining the Congress of the United States as the greatest of all institutions working to preserve freedom, theirs and our collective handiwork will remain as a shrine, a beacon, a thing to be blessed by all of those who will come here after.

Above this rostrum the challenging words of Daniel Webster are chiseled in stone. They read:

Let us develop the resources of our land, call forth its powers, build up its institutions, promote all its great interests, and see whether we also in our day and generation may not perform something worthy to be remembered.

Our colleagues whom we honor today and who honored us by their lives and work so did.

With that, to them we say farewell, a long and fond farewell.

The Congressional Quartet sang *Rock of Ages*, by Hastings, accompanied at the piano by Hon. Frances P. Bolton, a Representative from the State of Ohio.

THE SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Oklahoma [Mr. Albert].

Hon. CARL ALBERT, a Representative from the State of Oklahoma, delivered the following address:

Mr. Speaker, the Clerk has called the roll of Members who during the past 12 months have answered to a higher call in a far greater forum than this. Here on earth—

Our flowers are merely flowers.
And the shadow of thy perfect bliss
Is the sunshine of ours.

—Poe.

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Mr. Speaker, I accept the principle of the indestructibility of matter: much more do I believe in the immortality of the human soul.

There is no death.
What seems so is transition;
This life of mortal breath
Is but a suburb of the life elysian.
Whose portals we call death.

—*Longfellow.*

Life is ever lord of death,
And love can never lose its own.

—*Whittier.*

Our colleagues are with us in spirit. Their kind and loving deeds live on. We feel their presence in our lives. They give us a sense of real communion with the infinite. They were with us so recently.

It is fitting that the family, friends, and loved ones of our late colleagues should meet in their honor in this Chamber, which they knew so well and loved so dearly. We meet to pay them humble tribute.

Our colleagues have had a total service in the Congress of more than 100 years—weighty, burdensome years. All of them served here during the Korean war. All but one served during World War II and the trying postwar years. Two of them were here through the great depression, and one of them through two World Wars.

There is little doubt but that the strenuous duties of their work here shortened their lives. Only one who has experienced it can comprehend the burdens of congressional service in this age. Yet it has its compensations.

Sometimes the multiplicity of little things we are called upon to do over and above the constitutional duties of our offices seem almost all consuming. It may well be, however, that these little things are the ingredients of great and important service.

Our people have borne heavy burdens during the past 12 years. In World War II they gave of their blood and treas-

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ure with the high hope if, indeed, not with the expectation of emerging from that war into an era of peace and sanity that might justify the sacrifices they had made. Instead, endless war and endless sacrifice seem to have been their only reward. It may well be then that the little things we are able to do for them may spell the difference between success and failure in the grim responsibilities that lie ahead.

Our colleagues kept the faith with their country and their constituents even to the end.

Mr. Speaker, there are many good men in this world. The men we honor today were extraordinary men by any standards.

To their families and loved ones we can give personal testimony to the fidelity of their service. In the hours of sadness, there is the glorious consolation that they lived their lives fully and served their country well.

To me, the lives of our departed friends summarize the magic story of America. Let us call the roll again:

BRIEN McMAHON, brilliant, youthful New England Yankee of whom it was well said by his distinguished successor:

Senator McMAHON was Connecticut's outstanding statesman.

ADOLPH SABATH, a lowly immigrant, who at the age of 15 believed the American story. Unable to speak English when he arrived in this country, he lived to become the dean of this body, to which he was elected 24 successive times, an alltime record of legislative public service in America. Those of us who knew this great American, whose service spanned two generations, can only repeat with our distinguished minority whip who said:

There was only one ADOLPH SABATH. When he was born, the mold was broken.

GENE COX, southern gentleman, in the noblest sense of the term, who in courage, ability, and resolute purpose had no superior, but of whom it was so rightly said by our distinguished majority leader:

I shall remember GENE COX primarily as a generous-hearted friend.

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JOE BRYSON, another lovable son of Dixie, who rose from the textile mills of South Carolina to a place of preeminence among his comrades, and of whom our great minority leader and former Speaker has said:

He typified the Christian gentleman. He practiced what he preached.

BILL STIGLER, from my own State of Oklahoma, in whose veins ran the blood of the original American. He had all those qualities of chivalry, patience, and generosity of the great race that was the first to inhabit this continent.

GARRETT WITHERS, who left his Old Kentucky Home to be with us but a little while, and yet in whom we caught a fleeting glimpse of that loving soul so dearly loved by all who knew him.

There is nothing I can say, Mr. Speaker, about our late beloved friends that has not already been said by tongues more eloquent than mine. This, however, we can all say, that their lives reaffirm the miracle of America. They demonstrate anew that in this country the doors of opportunity are open to all, regardless of race or national origin, regardless of religious belief or occupation, alike to the descendants of the first inhabitants and earliest settlers and to the newest immigrant in our land.

In reviewing the story of America, historians are wont to pause and to linger at the door of a tiny reconstructed cabin amid the tall oaks of Hardin County, Ky., and there to contemplate the life of the mysterious rail splitter who changed the destiny of mankind. The whole world marvels at the amazing consistency of the evidence of the honesty, the integrity, the ability, and the devotion to principle of this lowly man who scaled the mountain peaks. Yet, I sometimes wonder whether the real story in the life of Lincoln is in his inherent qualities, lofty indeed though they were, or rather in the assurance he gave us of what a man, however humble, when blessed with qualities of honesty, integrity, and devotion to ideals, may do for his fellow man under a

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"government of the people, by the people, and for the people." Mr. Speaker, in this age of doubt and skepticism, in this day when the very foundations of free government are under attack throughout the world, the lives of those whom we honor now give us new faith in the principles of freedom.

Mr. Speaker, after more than 160 years this is still the best government on earth for financier and farmer, for industrialist and industrial worker. After all this time no man may close the doors of your church against you. No man may sell your private property on the public auction block without due process of law. No man may cross the threshold of your home without a search warrant. No man may cast you in prison without a trial by a jury of your peers.

After all the centuries, Mr. Speaker, history is still on the side of freemen. So—

Fear not each sudden sound and shock,
'Tis of the wave and not the rock;
'Tis but the flapping of the sail
And not a rent made by the gale.

—*Longfellow.*

The government of Cromwell went down with him to his grave. The government of Napoleon changed with his defeat. The government of Kaiser Wilhelm died in the Hall of Mirrors. The government of Hitler was destroyed in the flames that consumed him. Yet, after more than a century and a half, the government of 160 million Americans still stands tall and rugged. It emerged from the War of 1812 strong and secure. It emerged from the Civil War unimpaired. It emerged from World War I grand and glorious. It emerged from the Second World War mighty and colossal. That Government stands today, a palace of your liberty, a castle of your happiness, a tower of your strength. It is your heritage. It has justified your faith.

This country was founded on faith. It was founded by men of deep religious convictions, by men of faith in God.

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It was because they were men of faith that they had faith in freedom of worship. They knew with Emerson that—

The faith that stands on authority is not faith.

Aye, call it holy ground.

The soil where first they trod:

They have left unstained what there they found—

Freedom to worship God.

—Herman.

For faith, those who settled this country broke the ties of home and fireside, broke the ties of centuries. For faith, they braved the oceans and faced the perils of the wilderness. For faith, they built their homes, their churches, and their communities.

In this dangerous, materialistic age, in this age of confusion and doubt, God give us a new birth of faith. Faith is the answer to the cynic's horrible vacuum of death.

Faith is the substance of things hoped for; the evidence of things not seen. (Hebrew XI, 1.)

Faith moveth mountains—

And yet—

There are no tricks in plain and simple faith. (Shakespeare.)

Our colleagues live on: they were men of faith.

Sgt. George Myers, United States Army, sounded taps, the echo being sounded by Sgt. Victor Christensen, United States Army.

The CHAPLAIN pronounced the following benediction:

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift upon you the light of His countenance and give you peace.

Amen.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the provisions of House Resolution 199, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the Chair declares the House adjourned until 12 o'clock noon tomorrow.

Thereupon (at 12 o'clock and 56 minutes p. m.) the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, May 7, 1953, at 12 o'clock noon.

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Proceedings in the House

SATURDAY, January 3, 1953.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Oklahoma [Mr. Albert].

Mr. ALBERT. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I advise the House of the death during the recent congressional adjournment of one of the finest friends I have ever had, the late Honorable WILLIAM G. STIGLER, of the Second Congressional District of Oklahoma.

Mr. STIGLER was elected to this House in a special election held March 7, 1944. He served continually until his death.

BILL STIGLER was born July 7, 1891, at Stigler, Okla., a little city in the eastern part of our State, named in honor of his father. He died in the same community on August 21, 1952.

He was born, lived, and died among the hills of eastern Oklahoma, which were dearer to him than all the places of the earth. Mrs. Stigler and their two lovely daughters survive him.

WILLIAM G. STIGLER was truly one of Oklahoma's finest citizens and public servants. He has left behind him a long and noble record of service to his State and Nation.

Of Choctaw Indian descent, he was once attorney for the Choctaw Tribe. He knew more about Indian problems and accomplished more in this body in the field of Indian legislation, affecting the Five Civilized Tribes, than any other Member of Congress in the history of our State.

BILL STIGLER was a soldier and a leader among the veterans of Oklahoma. He was a combat veteran of World War I. In 1934 he was department commander of the

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American Legion. He was the best informed man on veterans' affairs that I have ever known.

Congressman STIGLER came to this House with broad experience as a lawyer and legislator. He served in our State senate and was president pro tempore of that body.

BILL loved his friends, who indeed were legion. He was loyal. He was generous. He possessed the noblest traits of generosity so characteristic of his race.

BILL STIGLER was a great patriot. A proud first American, he always put America first. He gave every ounce of energy he had to the service of his country and to the performance of the duties of the high office to which his people entrusted him.

I have never had a finer friend. As long as I live, BILL STIGLER will live in my memory. I have lost a friend. Our country has lost a statesman. I extend to Mrs. Stigler and their lovely daughters my deepest sympathy.

Mr. Speaker, under leave heretofore granted, I now include as a part of my remarks a eulogy prepared by our friend and former colleague, the Honorable Toby Morris, of Lawton, Okla.:

EULOGY OF HON. WILLIAM G. STIGLER BY TOBY MORRIS

It was my honor and pleasure to serve, as his colleague, in the United States House of Representatives, for about 5½ of the 8 years that the late Honorable WILLIAM G. STIGLER served. During that time I came to know him as a true and valued friend. I had known him for many years before my service began in Congress, in January 1947, but only slightly. It was by association as Members of Congress that I was honored by his warm friendship. This I shall remember as long as my life shall last.

I have never known a man more devoted to the highest ideals of public service than BILL STIGLER. His constant thought was that of the welfare of the good people whom he had the honor to represent in the Second District in Oklahoma, and also of his beloved State and Nation.

And, not only did he sincerely have the welfare of the people in mind, at all times, but he labored continuously to promote such welfare. Whether in his office answering mail of constituents and

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attending to other official details, or in committee, carefully examining witnesses and documents, and studying proposed legislation, or engaging in debates on the floor of the House, he exhibited always a keen interest in and a profound knowledge of what was transpiring. In other words, he worked extremely hard concentrating on the work at hand and knew it all as an expert. His service was invaluable to his district, State, and Nation. We, his Oklahoma colleagues, often affectionately referred to him as a good Indian. He was one, in fact and in truth. No nobler epitaph could, in my judgment, be used. He was one-fourth Choctaw Indian in blood. He was devoted indeed to his Indian constituents and was recognized as one of the outstanding authorities in the United States on Indian legislation and problems generally. But what we meant by this expression was that he was a good man, good husband and father, good legislator and citizen. He was truly one of the best in each category.

For some time before his death, BILL STIGLER was the dean of the Oklahoma congressional delegation in the House. We sought and relied upon his advice concerning many matters. He was always ready, willing, and able to unselfishly assist us in any way possible.

BILL STIGLER, who was a distinguished Oklahoma lawyer, served in many prominent stations in life, among which were Oklahoma State senator; member of the State soldiers' relief commission; departmental commander of the American Legion for the State of Oklahoma; executive vice president of the Choctaw Area Council of the Boy Scouts of Oklahoma, and national attorney for the Choctaw Indian Nation for 7 years.

These accomplishments are proof enough of his outstanding ability. However, in conclusion, I wish to say that he had not only a big mind, but also a big heart. He loved his friends, his State, his Nation. He loved justice and right. He loved humanity. He knew that—

"The night has a thousand eyes and the day but one,
Yet the light of a whole world dies with the setting sun—
The mind has a thousand eyes and the heart but one,
Yet the light of a whole life dies when its love is done."

May God bless his good wife and family who mourn the passing of this noble man.

The great Second District of Oklahoma, which Congressman STIGLER represented at the time of his death, is now represented by a new Member who took his oath of office today, a distinguished young Oklahoman. It is my pleasure

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at this time to recognize Congressman STIGLER's successor, the gentleman from Oklahoma [Mr. Edmondson].

Mr. EDMONDSON. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to address this House on one's first day as a Member, but that honor is multiplied many times by the fact that the occasion is an opportunity to say a few words in behalf of a man who was not only a dear friend but also a great Oklahoman and a great American, a man who held the office of Congressman from the Second District of Oklahoma for many years, and a man who, had he chosen to run again in the primaries last spring, would still be holding that office by virtue of the fact that no one in the district would have elected to run against him.

BILL STIGLER was a man, as Congressman Albert has said, who was a great leader, and representative of the Choctaw Indian people. He was a man of vision, a man of complete, absolute, and unquestioned integrity; a man of the very highest principles; a man whose watchword and daily byword at all times was service—service and complete unselfishness. He was a man of unquestioned courage; a man who had the strength of his convictions, and a man who did not hesitate to act in accordance with those convictions.

The example which he has set for all of us in the Oklahoma delegation, through his service in Congress, is a fine one. Certainly the State and the Nation as well have lost a fine leader in the Halls of Congress.

Of all the men that I knew in my brief period in public life, BILL STIGLER was one about whom I never heard the breath of scandal or a single suggestion or insinuation regarding his complete integrity. His honesty was beyond any question. Whatever criticism may have been directed against him by the very few who did question his votes on occasion, his sincerity of purpose and his honesty and his integrity were never questioned by any man within my hearing.

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When the final summary is made of a man's achievements in life, if that man has set a model for his fellowman in his personal conduct and by the example of his integrity, he has left a monument greater than anything carved in granite or marble or stone for his fellow man.

It is with humility and with a sense of my own shortcomings that I undertake the task of following in W. G. STIGLER's footsteps as Representative from the Second District of Oklahoma.

I have had so many people of the district tell me in the past few months that if I make half the Congressman BILL was they would be well satisfied, that I have no question of the fact that he won an untiring place in the hearts of the people of my district. The farmer, the veteran, the school teacher, the businessman, the working people, the men and women of the Second District in Oklahoma have all lost a true friend. To Mrs. Stigler and to BILL's lovely daughters I am proud on this occasion to join in a message of sympathy, and I now wish that BILL STIGLER's memory may live on in the hearts of all his fellow citizens, as it will in mine.

Mr. ALBERT. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Oklahoma [Mr. Wickersham].

Mr. WICKERSHAM. Mr. Speaker, I came to Congress nearly 12 years ago. At that time, and ever since, there has been no one in Oklahoma who was esteemed more highly than our late friend, the Honorable BILL STIGLER. He could have been easily elected governor, or to any high position to which he might have aspired in our great State of Oklahoma; he was head of our legislature for several years. He has piloted through Congress many most worthwhile measures pertaining to benefits to Indians.

BILL STIGLER was capable, honest, efficient, courteous, and cooperative; I would say he was a "good Indian." He was a "good soldier" and was a "good scout." BILL was very active as American Legion department commander of our great

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State for many years. BILL worked diligently on the Committee on Appropriations. BILL STIGLER died with his boots on.

I am sure he would want us to remember Tennyson's great words:

Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar
When I put out to sea.

BILL STIGLER will be remembered many, many years.

Let me say to the Members here that all of us are working too hard. I think BILL STIGLER worked too hard. He was so conscientious. During the 10 years I have served in Congress 16 members of the Oklahoma delegation or former Members of the House or Senate from Oklahoma have passed away. Let us slow down a little and be able to render a greater service for a longer period.

Mr. ALBERT. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Oklahoma [Mr. Steed].

Mr. STEED. Mr. Speaker, in the few brief years I have had the honor and privilege of serving in this House I have been impressed many times by the frequency with which our colleagues are stricken down by death in the performance of their daily duties. Each time as we pause in our labors to pay our respects to these hard-working colleagues it has been impressed even more deeply on me how heavy and arduous has been the task these men have been called upon to perform, and how literally it can be said that they have given their lives in the service of their country. I know of no case in which it could be more truly stated that overwork had hastened the day of death of any of our colleagues than in the case of the late WILLIAM STIGLER, of Oklahoma.

In the last few years that Mr. STIGLER served here he was not in good health and for many months he had to make the decision whether or not to shirk his duty here or to risk his life. For too long a time he made the decision in favor

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of the job he came here to do although he finally heeded the advice of his doctor and decided to retire from these Halls. Unfortunately he waited too long, and the days of rest and pleasure he had envisioned back at his home in Stigler, Okla., were to be denied him because he had stayed too long in performance of his work and had drained his vitality to the point where he could not survive.

Whatever else may be said of him, I think the most impressive thing in his life was that his supreme devotion to duty and his great love for public service carried him to the point where he literally did give his life in the service of his country. He had offered himself in the service of his country as a soldier, then as a public servant.

He occupied a unique position in this House during the time he served here because he was a member of that great race known as the American Indians. In our lifetime no man who traced his racial heritage to these great people gave a better example of the many contributions in service and tradition that the American Indians have given to this country than did Mr. STIGLER.

He was of a gentle character. When I first came here, one of the impressions made upon me, and which I shall always remember, was that in making the acquaintance of other Members of the House I found no man who had anything but the finest and warmest feeling for Mr. STIGLER. If it can honestly be said that a Member served over a period of years in this House and made no man his enemy, that can be said of BILL STIGLER. It seemed that everyone who knew him applauded his fine character and his generosity and fairness and loved him for those qualities.

Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues in extending my deep sympathy to the family and friends of this great Oklahoman, this great American, BILL STIGLER.

Mr. ALBERT. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Oklahoma [Mr. Jarman].

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Mr. JARMAN. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues from Oklahoma and other Members of the House of Representatives in paying a sincere tribute and eulogy to a great Oklahoman and a great American, WILLIAM G. STIGLER. Our State and our Nation have profited by his life and by his service and will be poorer because of his loss.

Mr. STIGLER was an outstanding lawyer in Oklahoma. He served in the State senate before coming to the House of Representatives. When I served in the State senate I was very conscious of the record and the work that Senator STIGLER had left behind him before he came to this Congress.

When I came here I found a man who, though very busy on the Committee on Appropriations, busy in representing his own district and State and Nation, still had time to help a freshman Congressman get started to begin service in this House, a man of heart, a man of character, a man who believed sincerely in the finest ideals of this Nation. He worked to that end both in the State of Oklahoma and in his service here in this House of Representatives. I join in the fine tribute paid to him today by the members of our delegation, and I join in the sincere sympathy that we extend to Mrs. Stigler and to his two daughters.

Mr. RAYBURN. Mr. Speaker, BILL STIGLER, as I knew him, was one of the finest men I have ever known. He was good and great. He was a good legislator, a real statesman.

His type of man we can ill afford to lose. My deepest sympathy goes out to all of his loved ones.

Mr. BELCHER. Mr. Speaker, it came as a distinct shock to me when I received a telegram advising me of the death of my good friend and colleague the late Honorable WILLIAM G. STIGLER of the Second Congressional District of Oklahoma. I had known that BILL was not in good health, but I had no idea that he was so seriously ill.

BILL STIGLER and I had been personal friends for many, many years. I first met him through his activities in the

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Oklahoma Department of the American Legion. I was active in helping him be elected as department commander for the State of Oklahoma. I had worked with, and associated with, him in Legion activities from that time to the time of his death.

BILL was a man who had many friends because he was a friendly man. He was a great humanitarian, and spent many years of his life helping the disabled veterans, widows, and orphans. BILL was a hard, aggressive worker, a man who took his duties seriously. Perhaps that characteristic hastened his death. Regardless of his physical condition, BILL so loved his friends and his buddies that he was willing to make any personal sacrifice for them.

I have lost a great friend and the country has lost a great statesman. I extend to Mrs. Stigler and his lovely daughters and the rest of his family my deepest sympathy.

Mr. HORAN. Mr. Speaker, it was my pleasure to know and to love BILL STIGLER. For several years we worked together on the Subcommittee on Appropriations for the Department of Agriculture. That association was always harmonious and constructive.

BILL believed in himself because he believed, with all his heart, in what was sound, fair, and which added to the sum total of our progress.

With such faith is a great nation builded. Such faith is the very raw materials of a great body such as ours.

Such men as BILL STIGLER leave their mark upon the hearts and memories of other men. In a way they never leave us for their good works live on and color our conduct forever.

Mr. ELLIOTT. Mr. Speaker, we have lost a good friend and a capable legislator with the departure of WILLIAM STIGLER. His record of service to the Nation and to his native State of Oklahoma was a highly distinguished one.

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I wish to join with my many colleagues who extend their deep and sincere sympathy to Mrs. Stigler and his two daughters.

Mr. HAYS of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, the passing of WILLIAM G. STIGLER was a grievous loss to the public service. Like Carroll of Carrollton, he honored the city and State with which his family was historically identified. BILL STIGLER of Stigler was known for his devotion to the highest standards of legislative service first in the Oklahoma General Assembly and in later years in the Congress of the United States.

It was a privilege to work with him in these Halls and to have the inspiration of his friendship. "Being faithful unto death he has received his crown of life."

Mr. ALBERT. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 10) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution as follows:

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of Hon. WILLIAM G. STIGLER, a Representative from the State of Oklahoma.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The resolution was agreed to.

Mr. HALLECK. Mr. Speaker, I move that as a further mark of respect to our deceased colleague the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 47 minutes p. m.), pursuant to its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, January 6, 1953, at 12 o'clock noon.

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WEDNESDAY, January 7, 1953.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Carrell, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had adopted the following resolution (S. Res. 13) :

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Hon. WILLIAM G. STIGLER, late a Representative from the State of Oklahoma.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Representative, the Senate do now take a recess until 12 o'clock noon tomorrow.

FRIDAY, January 16, 1953.

Mr. McCORMACK. Mr. Speaker, I cannot let this opportunity pass without expressing my deep personal sorrow over the death of our late friend and colleague, WILLIAM G. STIGLER, of Oklahoma, which occurred during the recent adjournment.

In his decade of service in these Halls we all came to know him, to respect him, and to have a deep affection for this man who so completely personified the term "American."

Of Choctaw Indian descent and a duly enrolled member of that tribe, he came of forebears who were a part of this land long before this Nation existed. Indeed, our late colleague was born in the Oklahoma Indian Territory before it became a State.

His greatest but by no means his only interest was in the advancement of the welfare of the people of his district. He had the breadth of view and understanding to see the larger national interests of the United States as a whole. He fought in World War I in the Meuse-Argonne and other battles as an infantry officer, later serving in the army of occupation and attending a French university.

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Returning home, he was admitted to the bar and successively served his community as city attorney and State senator before his election to the Seventy-eighth Congress to fill a vacancy. Thereafter, he was regularly reelected.

His activity in behalf of the town of Stigler, which was named for his father, and where he was born, and in behalf of the State of Oklahoma and every welfare, church, and community cause, was widely recognized. He was honored by election as State commander of the American Legion in recognition of his long service on behalf of veterans and as an officer of the State bar association for his outstanding record as a lawyer.

We will miss this sturdy American in our deliberations here, and I want to extend to his family my deepest sympathies.

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TUESDAY, January 6, 1953.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Chaffee, one of its reading clerks, communicated to the Senate the intelligence of the death of Hon. WILLIAM G. STIGLER, late a Representative from the State of Oklahoma, and transmitted the resolution of the House thereon.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following resolution coming over from the House of Representatives:

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of Hon. WILLIAM G. STIGLER, a Representative from the State of Oklahoma.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Mr. KERR. Mr. President, I send to the desk a resolution, and ask that it be read.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. The Clerk will read the resolution.

The Chief Clerk read the resolution (S. Res. 13), as follows:

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Hon. WILLIAM G. STIGLER, late a Representative from the State of Oklahoma.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The resolution was considered by unanimous consent, and unanimously agreed to.

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Mr. TAFT. Mr. President, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Representative, I move that the Senate do now take a recess until tomorrow at 12 o'clock noon.

The motion was unanimously agreed to; and (at 4 o'clock and 49 minutes p. m.) the Senate took a recess until tomorrow, Wednesday, January 7, 1953, at 12 o'clock meridian.

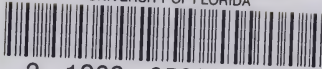


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